rendered spare due to shifts, disconnections and from reserve exchange capacity (beyond 90 per cent).

8. Normal rental for the telephone will be charged.

9. A subscriber can surrender the telephone obtained under the scheme at any time. In such an event, the following refunds out of the deposit of Rs. 30,000 will be allowed:

If surrendered during	Amount of refund
1st year . . .	Rs. 12,000/
2nd year. . .	Rs. 15,000/
3rd year and beyond	Rs. 18,000/

10. Applicants who are already registered under the present OYT and Non-OYT categories will be permitted to transfer their registrations to 'Tatkal' Scheme on payment of difference of amount deposit o fthe two schemes. Interest on amount of deposit of OYT/ Non-OYT would be paid upto the date of transfer of the application to this scheme.

11. An advance rental for two months and installation charges would be recovered in the regular bill sent subsequently to the installation of the telephone.

12. If after deposit of initial Rs. 1,000 under the scheme, it is found that the telephone connection is not feasible, the amount will be refunded with 2 weeks. However if the applicant expresses his wish to continue in the waiting list for telephone under 'Tatkal' scheme, he will be allowed to be in the waiting list.

13. A telephone obtained under the scheme would not be eligible for third party transfer in the first three years. The transfer after three years will be permitted as per the existing instructions on the subject.

14. Normal rules for shift/transfer (other than third party) of telephones would be applicable to the telephones provided under this scheme.

Purchase of Jelly filled cables by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam from private sector

540. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is greater pressure from Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. on the Public Sector Hindustan Cables Ltd. to acknowledge its inability to manufacture enough jelly filled cables so that orders can be passed on the private sector cable manufacturers;

(b) whether the HAL is able to supply jelly filled cables for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. to go in for purchase from private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Hindustan Cables Ltd. are able to supply jelly filled cables only in small sizes upto 200 pairs. Higher gauge/size Jelly Filled Cables are not being supplied. Also, the supplies received are inadequate to meet the requirement of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited.

In order to make up the short falls, cables are being purchased by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam through open tenders from other suppliers.

Protest by the Association of Small Industries of India against increase in the limit of investment in plant and machinery

541. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India has protested against the increase in the limit of investment in plant and machinery beyond the existing limit of Rs. 35 lakh;

(b) whether the Federation has also requested for adequate representation in the various Government Committees; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken on their memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Federation is already having adequate representation on various Government Committees.

542. [*Transferred to the 4th August*, 1988]

Upgrading the existing hydro-electric units

543. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govtrnment have decided to upgrade some of the existing hydro-electric units in the country;

(b) if so, which of the Punjab projects have been selected for the purpose; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). UBDC Hydro-electric Project (3x15 MW) in Punjab has been identified for renovation and upgarding. In addition, Bhakra Left Bank (5x18 MW) Bhakra Right Bank (5x132 MW), Kotla (1x29.25 plus 2x24.2 MW), Ganguwal (6x60 MW) and Pong (6x60 MW) of Bhakra-Beas System have also been identified for renovation.

Power resources in Punjab

544. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 474 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) which other hydro-electric projects are likely to be taken up in Punjab after Ranjit Sagar Dam; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Two hydro-electric projects viz. Shahpurkandi (94 MW) and Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (50 MW) in Punjab have been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority. These projects are awaiting sanction by the Planning Commission.

Measures for completing and commissioning the power projects

545. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the power projects at present in the Northern region in the country the costs of which have substantially escalated due to delays in their completion and commissioning;

(b) what is the comparative percentage of rise in the cost of these power projects (till date) as against the estimated cost;

(c) what are the factors responsible for delay in their completion and commissioning;

(d) by what time these power plants are likely to be commissioned and what is the estimated additional power generation likely to be added in the existing power availability in the Northern region as a result thereof; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure that the completion and commissioning of these power projects are not delayed any further?